



SATURDAY March 18. 1720.

To the Author of the London Journal.

John Ketch, Esq; sendeth Greeting.

S I R,

IN a general Call for Justice from an injured Nation, I beg leave to put in my Voice, being my self an eminent Sufferer in the ill Fate of my Country, which no otherwise gains than as I do, by the Exaltation of Rogues. Our Interests, in this Respect, are the same. And as it would be very hard that the Bloodsuckers of the People, should not make the People some Amends, by restoring the Blood they have suck'd; so it would be as hard that I, who am the Finisher of Justice, should not have Justice done me.

From my best Observation upon publick Affairs last Summer, I thought my self that I should certainly have full Hands this last Winter. I thereupon apply'd my self with singular Diligence to gain the utmost Perfection and Skill in the Calling wherein God and the Law had plac'd me: For, I did not think it at all laudable, or agreeable to a good Conscience, to accept of a Post, without proper Talents and Experience, to execute the same: however customary and common such a Practice might be: And therefore, without pretending to follow the illustrious Example of my Betters, in this Matter, I thought it became me to become my Post. In truth, Sir, if this Maxim had prevail'd where it should have prevail'd; and if my Brethren in Place had as well understood, and as honestly executed, their several Trusts, as I do mine, we should have had a very different Face of Things, nor would I have had Occasion for *Journeymen*.

Thus, Sir, I was firmly and honestly resolv'd that the Execution of Justice should not stick with me, where-ever else it stuck. Moreover, at a Time when every Thing, *but Honesty*, bore a double Price, I bought up a great Quantity of Silken Halters, for the sole Use and Benefit of any of our Topping Pick-pockets, who should be found to have *spill'd or gush'd* Blood about them. N. B. This Complement was not intended for the Directors, who must expect to wear the same valedictory Cravat, which is worn by small Felons, who come under my Hands, every Session: But I have set apart a good round Quantity of these delicate Silken Turn-overs for the Benefit and Decoration of divers worthy Gentlemen, whom I have mark'd out for my Customers in the ———, but whom it would not be good Breeding in me, to give to names; but I hope they will prove rare Chaps.

I did likewise bestow, at least, a dozen curious Axes, (pick'd up from now, with rare great Edges; the first that could be made, and which may be seen in the Hand and the Shoulders of my dear'd and illustrious Customers of mine, who hat, either by Birth or by Place, a Right to die at the East End of the Town.

Now, Sir, it unluckily happens that I cannot pay for any of these Instruments of National Justice, and of my Trade, till I have plac'd them: And my Creditors, though they owe me to be satisfied, yet wanting Faith in all sorts of publick Officers, begin to fear that I shall never pay for them at all. It is, in truth, a sensible Discouragement to them and me, that I have had little to do this Winter, when there appear'd so much to be done: and yet I have never poor deserving Hangmen had such a plentiful Supply.

As being a Post, I have consequently the Honour of being a

(Price Three Half-pence.

true Member of the Church of England, as by Law Established; and therefore under these Disappointments, I comfort my self with some Patience, and more Beer. I have besides that, this further Consolation, that if our Canary Birds find Wings to escape me, neither the Blame nor the Shame shall lie at my Door.

You see, Sir, I have Merits, and yet you see I labour under Discouragements enough to leave any Successor of mine from accepting this neglected and penurious Post, till he has a sufficient Sum of Money in hand paid, and a good Pension for Life, as is usual upon *his* Occasions, together with ample Provision for his Children after him.

But, in spite of all these Discouragements, I am determin'd to live in hopes of some Topping Customers before the Session is ended. The Publick and I must certainly get at last: God knows, we have been eminent Sufferers; we have been defrauded on every Side.

Being bred a Butcher, I can comfort my said Customers with an Assurance, that I have a delicate and a ready Hand at *cutting and spicing*. So let them take Heart; the Pain is nothing, and will be soon over: I am only sorry 'tis so long a coming. No Man can be pleas'd with being defrauded of his just Dues.

I have one Consolation, Sir, which never leaves me; namely, that though my Post has not been so profitable a one, as for sometime past it should have been, yet it has been a *safe one*. I doubt not but many of my Brethren in Place, would be glad if they could say as much. I am, moreover, of Opinion that my Post has, for a Year past, been one of the most honest and creditable Posts in England; nor would I change Circumstances or Characters with some that hold their Heads very high, and may hold them higher still, before I have done with them. I am sure it cannot be denied, that the Hangman of London has, for the above space of Time, been a reputable Officer, in comparison — The Truth is, They have got more Money than I, but I have more Reputation than They; and I hope soon to go Soaks with some of them in their Money too.

I know that Knaves of State require a great deal of Form and Ceremony, before they are committed to my Care; so that I am not much surpriz'd that I have not yet laid my Hands upon certain exalted Criminals. I hope, however, when they come, a good Number will come at once. But there is a parcel of notorious and sorry Sinners, call'd *Brokers*; Fellows of so little Consequence, that few of them have Reputation enough to stand Candidates for my Place, were the same vacant (which God forbid!) and yet Rogues so swain with Guilt, that poor *Derwent-water* and *Kennet* (my two last best Customers) were Babes and pretty Larceners to them. Now these are the Hang-Rogues I would be keeping my Hand in use with.

Sir, I have been with Counsel about them, and my Lawyer has amaz'd that I have not had them already; But, says he, *Mr. Ketch*, I foresaw that the Brokers were only the Pimps of great Rogues, who were themselves the Pimps of greater: So that were these Vermin to go up to *Tyburn*, they would draw many more after them, who would likewise draw others. — So depend upon it, the Lyon, if he can, will save the Jackall: And hence it proceeds, *Mr. Ketch*, that tho' it is hard, yet it is not strange, that those Rogues, whom all Men wish in your Hands, are not yet there.

He then told me how the Brokers have violated that Act of Parliament, which allows them but Two and Nine-pence for

and being, bought Pounds Stock, by taking or rather receiving twenty shillings, and sometimes five pounds, I hope when I come to flip them, or to contribute for dipping them, I shall be allowed to make out to them the same Measure.

He told me likewise, that during the Reign of Roguery, they sold for no Body but the Directors, and their Betters; whereas they were obliged, in Duty, to have sold for all Men alike, who employed them. Their Office is an Office of Trust, as well as that of the Directors. They sell, or ought to sell, under the Protection of an Act of Parliament, under the sacred Obligation of an Oath, and under Ties and Penalties of a Bond; by all which they are obliged to discharge their Duty impartially between Men and Men, and for one Man as true as another. Now it is well known, that they broke their Trust to the Publick; that they ceased to be common and impartial Officers in the Alley; and yet retaining the Name and Pretence of their Office, (by which they also retained the Power of deceiving,) they became only Spies and Lays for the Directors and their Managers, and Sellers for them only. They were therefore Criminals of the first Class, and principal Agents in the publick Mischief; for, had they not acted thus, but as honest Men, the Directors could not have sold out much at high Prices, nor would others have bought in at those Prices. So that they are to be consider'd not only as the Instruments of greater Treasons, though in that Character they are liable to be hang'd; but as wilful and deliberate Confederates with those Traitors, and consequently merit every Punishment, which those higher Traitors merit.

My Counsel said too, that there were some Crimes of so high and malignant a Nature, that, in the Perpetration of them, all Accessories were consider'd as Principals; That those who held a Man till he was murdered, were Murderers; That those who voluntarily held a Candle to others, who robbed a House, were themselves Robbers; and that in committing of Treason, all are Traitors who have a hand in that Treason.

He said, that the Brokers were true Agents, independent of all Companies, and so more attach'd, in point of Duty, to the *State* than to any other; That being *for* *vera* (as he called it) they could not excuse their wicked Dealings by the pretended Commands and Authority of any Superiors, as some of the South Sea Officers might plead, for that the Directors were not their Superiors; That their Rogueries therefore were voluntary and deliberate Rogueries; and that having wilfully sided with the Directors, they ought in Justice to suffer with the Directors, and hang with them.

He told me, that having Share of the Gain of Villany with the Directors, they ought to have their Share of the Pain too. They transgressed great Sums for themselves; that the Law which established them, enacts that they shall neither buy nor sell for themselves; which is highly reasonable; for how can any Man trust himself for another, whilst he is selling to him his own Stock?

He said, they deceived every Man into his own Ruin, and ruin'd the Nation to enrich the Directors and themselves; They sold their own Interest, and that of the Directors, under false and fictitious Names, contrary to the Obligation of their Bond to the City, which obliges them to declare the Name of the Seller to the Buyer, as well as the Name of the Buyer to the Seller; for they knew that no Man would have been willing to buy, had he known that the Brokers and Directors were in trade to sell. Thus they used false Dice, and blinded Men's Eyes to pick their Pockets. And finally, Mr. Ketch, says the Counsellor, if he who picks a private Man's Pocket is to be hang'd; the Rogues that pick the Pockets of the whole Country, ought to be hang'd, drawn, and quartered.

But what was most remarkable of all in what the Counsellor told me, and what indeed gives me most Heave, is, that unless the Brokers are hang'd, it will be scarce possible any Body else should be hang'd. If this be true, their Doom is certain, and I shall be able to support my Squireship before Easter. For, surely we shall never have mighty Knaves, for the sake of saving little ones; and if so be it is determin'd to gratify the Nation with a competent store of Hanging and Beheading, certainly we must do every thing necessary thereunto.

Now, says my Counsellor, if the Brokers do not discover the Secrets which they best know, but which they will never discover, if they can save their Necks and Purse without doing it; then, I doubt me, Justice will be impotent for want of Evidence. But, if they find that they can save nothing by their Silence, they will tell all to save something. They are harden'd Rogues, and by false Oaths and under-hand Dealing, will screen all that are as bad as themselves; but gripe them well, and run to one but you squeeze the Truth out of them.

For all which Reasons, Mr. Ketch, (continued he) I hope soon to give you Joy of the Brokers, as well as of better Customers. And so he dismiss'd me, without taking a Fee; for, he told me, he consider'd me as an eminent Sufferer; by having as yet got Nothing, where he with'd I had, before this Time, got a great deal.

Thus, Sir, is the Substance of what pass'd between us, for

which I am so much oblig'd to him, that if ever he fails in my way, I'll set him with the *late* Generosity. And I will owe you, Mr. Journalist, the same Favour, if you'll be so kind to publish this.

If you know me, Sir, you would own that I have valuable Talents, and am worth your Acquaintance. I am particularly possess'd of a praiseworthy Industry, and an ardent Desire of Business. In truth, I care not to be idle: And yet it cruelly happens, that I have but one busy Day in Six Weeks, and even then I could do twice as much. Besides, having a tender Heart, it really affects me with pity to be obliged to struggle to many Innocents every Session; poor harmless Offenders, that only commit Murders, and break open Houses, and rob Men of Guineas and Half-Crowns; while Whole-sale Plunderers, and mighty Rogues of Prey, the avowed Enemies and Hangmen of Humanity, Trade, and Truth, the known Promoters of Villany, and the merciless Authors of Misery, Want and general Ruin, go on to ride in Coaches and Six, and to defy a People whom they have made poor and desperate; potent Parricides, who have plundered more from this Kingdom in Six Months, than all the private Thieves and Highwaymen ever did or could do since the Creation.

Sir, I repeat it, that the hanging of such poor Felons only, as things now stand, is comparatively shedding *innocent* Blood: And so, for the Ease of my Mind, I beg that I may have these sent me, whom I may trust up with a safe Conscience. My Teeth particularly water, and my Bowels yearn at the Name of the Brokers; for God's sake, let me have the Brokers.

Upon the whole, Sir, I have Reason to hope, from the present Spirit rais'd in the Nation (and, they say, it is in a great Measure owing to you, that there is such a Spirit rais'd) I say, I hope soon to have the Fingering of the Throats of these Traitors, who have fag'd all the Money in the Nation. Their own Guilt, and the incessant Cry of the People, will weigh them down, in spite of all Arts and *Shrews*. N. B. I have a nice Hand at touching a Neck of Quality; and when any such Customers come, I shall be ready to give you Joy of it, as well as to receive the like from you. Who am, SIR,

Your loving Friend,

JOHN KETCH.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

OUR Prospects from Abroad, are very agreeable this Time, in all Parts of Europe: In the Palatinate the Religious Grievances are like to meet with a speedy Cure; and they tell us, that the Elector Palatine is at length resolv'd to make the fullest Satisfaction in his Power to his injured Protestant Subjects.

Things are like to be accommodated in Poland, and the Disputes between the Government, and the Malecontents there, ended in a very amicable manner; and they are not without hopes of keeping Matters quiet, both on the side of Turkey and Muscovy, and of wholly diverting the Storm that has for some time threaten'd them from those Parts.

The Muscovites and the Swedes are preparing for a Treaty in Finland; a Truce or Cessation of Arms is as good as agreed on between those contending Powers; and there are very good Reasons to expect that a Peace will suddenly ensue.

The Plague is at a general stand in France; few or none are infected a-fresh; and most of those already sick are on the Recovery; so that they begin to look upon the Disemper as at an End, not doubting but that it is the cool Weather continues a little Time longer, they shall be entirely free of Infection.

They write from Paris that unless some unforeseen Accident interfere and prevent, the Congress of Cambray will certainly begin by the Middle of next Month.

LONDON.

SIR William Chapman, Kt. and Bart. Sub-Governor, and Sir Jacob Jacobson, Kt. Deputy-Governor of the Corporation of the London Assurance, having resigned their Offices, a General Court of the said Corporation will be held this Day, in order to elect others in their Rooms.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have ordered Six Months Half-pay, ending the 31st of December last, for the Reduced Officers of his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, provided for upon the Establishment.

We hear that Mr. Elliot, who last Year was Secretary to the Lord Carteret in Sweden, is appointed Secretary to the English Embassy at Paris.

On Friday Night last Sir George Caswell, Kt. one of our pretest Sheriffs, and a Representative of the Borough of Leominster, in Herefordshire, was expelled the House of Commons, and ordered to the Tower.

The next Morning Sir George came to the India-House to transfer Four Thousand Pound Stock, but was not permitted to do it.

The Spanish Gallies arrived from Buenos Ayres, had on Board

Board Ten Millions of Pieces of Eight, besides Merchandise.

Mr. Robert Knight, late Cashier of the South Sea Company, continues close confined in the Castle at Antwerp; but we hear as yet nothing of his being transported to England.

The latter End of last Week once Alice Thorpe, a most infamous Prostitute about the Town, was married to an eminent Merchant's Son of this City; and on Monday she was again married to a Grocer. Three others, 'tis said, are in the same unhappy Circumstances, who have been all but by her fine Appearances in different Quarters of the Town.

On Monday Mr. William Saunders, a Solicitor, convicted at the Sessions at the Old Bailey, of forging an Affidavit, and another Instrument to impose on the Attorney General, to obtain a *Nisi Prosequi*, to an Indictment for a Riot, Assault and Battery, against Francis Buxton and others, and procuring a Perjury to swear to it in the Name of John Roberts, stood in the Pillory, without Temple-Bar, pursuant to his Sentence; and was most miserably used by the Populace.

The late Duke of Buckingham having lain in State on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last, at his late House in St. James's Park, in a very magnificent Manner, viz. in a Room of State hung with Velvet, within an Alcove, and a Canopy with Feathers, the Coroner, Cap, and Cushion, and all the Trophies of Honour fix'd round him; six Mutes, and a Page of Honour at the Foot of the Body; three other Rooms, and the great Hall hung in Mourning; was, on Saturday Night, interred in Westminster-Abbey, with a great deal of Funeral Pomp; the Procession being made in the following Order, viz. A Servant of the Office of Arms; six Conductors in their Gowns, with black Staves, two and two; A Kettle Drum in Mourning, adorned with the Escutcheons of the Arms of the deceased; Four of his Majesty's Trumpets in their proper Cloaths, with Trumpet-Banners and Scarves, &c. Ten Horsemen with black Truncheons, in Cloaks, &c. The Great Standard carry'd by a Gentleman in a Scarf, supported by two others in Cloaks; Sixteen of the Duke's Servants in Cloaks, &c. two and two in Cloaks; The Guidon born by a Gentleman in a Scarf, supported by two others; A State-Horse, with Velvet Caparison, Hood and Feathers, Silk Streamers, Escutcheons, Crest, and Cyphers, led by two Grooms; Ten Horsemen in Cloaks; The Great Banner born by a Gentleman in a Scarf, supported by two more; Ten Horsemen in Cloaks; The Duke's Secretary on Horseback, single; The Duke's Chaplain in like Manner; Four of the Duke's Officers, viz. Steward, Comptroller, Treasurer, and Chamberlain, with their White Rods; The Spurs, Gauntlet, Helmet, Crest and Marlets, Target, Sword and Surcoat of Arms, carry'd by six Heralds, in their proper Habits, with Silk Scarves; The Ducal Coronet, and Collar of the Order, carry'd by a King at Arms on a Crimson Velvet Cushion; The Hearse drawn by the late Duke's own Grey Horses, cover'd with Velvet, adorned with Feathers, Silk Streamers, Escutcheons, Shield and Stars, and eight Banner Rolls, with the Arms of the Family quartered, carry'd by eight Gentlemen on Horseback in Silk Scarves on each side of the Hearse; The Dutchess Dowager's Mourning Coach; The Duke of Dorset Chief Mourner, supported by two Lords; Six Pages of Honour; Twelve Mourning Coaches more, with eight Knights of the Garter; among whom were the Dukes of Bolton, Montague, Kingston, and Newcastle, and four other Lords to support the Pall. A State Horse with very rich Caparisons, embroidered with Gold, fringed, and adorn'd with black and white Feathers, &c. His Majesty's and his Royal Highness's Coaches; Above Fifty Coaches of the Prime Nobility followed according to their Rank, attended with above five hundred Lights. In this Order they proceeded to the West Door of the Abbey, where the Conductors filed off to the Right and Left to make Way for the Procession, the Kettle-Drums bearing, and the Trumpets sounding, till the Whole was entered. In the Abbey, they were received by the Dean and Chapter in their Copes; the whole Choir in their Surplices, singing before the Corpse, which was carry'd up to a Vault in K. Henry the VII's Chapel, the Effigies of Honour being all born by proper Officers. After the Bishop of Rochester had finished the Service, Garter King at Arms proclaim'd the Style and Title of the Deceased over the Vault: *Thus it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this Transitory Life, the most High, Mighty, and most Noble Prince, John late Duke of Buckinghamshire, also Duke and Marquis of Normandy, Earl of Mulgrave, Baron Sheffield of Buttermere, and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter; Which being done, the Chamberlain, Steward, Treasurer, and Comptroller to the Deceased, broke their White Staves, and threw them into the Vault upon him.*

His Majesty's Ship the *Dursey* Galley now at the Nore, is ordered to Harwich to relieve the *Kingfisher*, and take care of the Quarantine.

The write from Chelmsford, that at the Assizes there 11 Persons received Sentence of Death.

The first of June next is fixed by Proclamation, for Electing one of the 16 Peers of Scotland, in the room of the late Marquis of Annandale.

The Books for transferring the Old and New African Stocks

will be first from Thursday the 16th to Tuesday the 28th Instant, in order to make the Payment of the 3^d. per Cent. due on the New.

The Reverend Dr. Baskough and the Reverend Mr. Whitworth are appointed Chaplains in Ordinary to his Majesty, in the Room of Dr. Turner and Mr. Talbot, lately deceased.

The Parliament of Ireland, that stood prorogued to the 24th Instant, is farther prorogued to the 24th of May next.

On Tuesday the 10th Instant, Humphrey Parsons, Esq; was unanimously chosen Alderman of the Ward of Portoken, in the Room of Alderman Green, deceased.

The same Day Sir Samuel Gerrard, Knight and Alderman was chosen President of the Hospitals of Bethlehem and Bridewell, in the Room of Sir William Withers, lately deceased.

Last Week one Joseph Tutchfield, that is now an Apprentice to a Fruiterer in Stocks Market, was apprehended near Mile-End, and committed to Newgate for Robbing on the Highway.

They write from King'sale, that a few Days ago a Ship, the Master of which was dead, arrived there from Oporto, having been in great Distress in her Passage, for want of Provisions, particularly fresh Water: She reports, that the late above Furry Sail in the Channel in the like Distress.

To the Author of the London Journal.

S I R,

THE following Letter was sent me by a great Number of Gentlemen, that did me the Honour to choose me in the last Election of Parliament: Their Sentiments, I am persuaded, are agreeable to every Well wisher to his King and Country; therefore I send it to you, which you may publish, if you think proper.

To ———— Esq;

S I R,

WHEN we chose you to represent us in Parliament, we do assure you it was not out of any particular Friendship for your Person, or Zeal to a Party; but purely the Result of a mature Deliberation, after having made the strictest Enquiry we could of your Ability for that Post, both as a Gentleman of Probity, Courage, and Capacity; we thought your Fortune so large, you would not, on that Score, be liable to Bribery and Corruption; your Sense too good to be over-reached by the Flatteries and Insinuations of evil and designing Men; and your Courage too great to be over-aw'd and frighted by Menaces into a servile Compliance.

Sir, 'Tis with the greatest Satisfaction we find our selves happy in our Choice; 'tis with the utmost Pleasure we reflect on the Service we did you, since you have so fully answer'd the End for which we did it, the Honour and Safety of his Majesty's Government, the Liberty and Property of our selves, and Fellow Subjects, even in this corrupt and degenerate Age, having been your great and only Concern. Should those who are to punish Miscreants and Villains, use their utmost Art and Industry to screen and protect them, an upright Man (who he is not preter'd) will have the Blessings and Applauses of all good Men, and the Admiration and Respect even of those who cou'd not corrupt him, in appearing against those scandalous Practices. Should you ever give your Vote to acquit one of those transcendent Villains, we will suspend our ill Opinion of you, till we have heard your Reasons; 'tis possible you may obviate any ill Construction we may make on that score: But should you basely betray the Trust we have repos'd in you, by meanly making out of the Way, after you have heard enough of the Cause to convince you; you ought to condemn the guilty Wretch before you; believe us, Sir, tho' you have many great Personal Qualities; tho' you are Master of a large Estate, and perhaps a Place or Pension added to that Estate, you'll not be exempted from the last Misfortune a generous Man would fall under, *Ignominy and Contempt*: There is no Plea to be made for a Swacker; there is the same Reason to call him a Knave, as one who runs out of a Battle a Coward. But we write not this out of the least Suspicion we have of your Honour and Integrity; we are well assured you will go on with the same Zeal and Impartiality you have hitherto shewn on this great Occasion; that you will use your utmost Endeavours to bring to a speedy and condign Punishment, both the Authors and Advisers of our Miseries and Confusion. In doing of which, you will secure to your self the Prayers and Thanks of all your Electors, and by that a future Seat in that great Assembly you so worthily fill at present. We are, Sir, &c.

Last Saturday one Watfon, an Attorney, who had been committed to Newgate on suspicion of Forgery and Subornation of Perjury, was admitted to Bail before a Judge.

One Wade has been apprehended and committed to Newgate, by a Justice of Peace, on Suspicion of being concerned with one Reading (who has made himself an Evidence) in Robbing lately the Western Mails.

Two days, three last Week, the Discharge of the South Sea Company opened the Coffer of Mr. Knight, the Collector, in the South Sea House, and found therein One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Pounds in Bonds, and One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Pounds in Notes, besides Talies was then left up.

We hear the Puppets are concerned in the——'s Oil-Pump Bubble, are coming to a Relinquishment to the Puppets, on a Barge, the Tertiary Thousand Pound, by them advanced, and paid to him, to carry on what he never intended to carry on, and which never appears to be a successful Fraud.

On Sunday Morning a young Woman was run over, and killed by a Hackney Coach on Fifth Street Hill, but the Coachman found Means to drive off, and escape.

On Monday Morning the Lady of Sir Robert Raymond, his Majesty's Attorney-General, Daughter of Sir Edward Northey, died of a Consumption, at Sir Robert's House in Red-Lyon-Square.

The *Enterprise*, Capt. Yeo, having on board general Nicholson and a Hundred recruits for the South Carolina, has been put back to contract. Wind into Plymouth.

We trust the Earl Conyngham and Sir George Calwell have heartily produced each others Sermons from all Manner of Correspondence in the Tower.

His Majesty has been pleased to present the Reverend Mr. Barr, late Chaplain to his George Bing, on board the *Barrulet* in the Mediterranean, to the Rectories of Keston and Falkingham in the County of Suffolk, which his said are worth about 2000. per Annum.

The Lord Edward Harley, Son of the Earl of Oxford, and William Barnham, Esq. stand Candidates for the Borough of Lempster, in the River of St George Calwall, expelled the House.

The old man John A. Galt, Jun. Esq. stands for the Borough of Ryegate, in the Room of his Father, who is a life member of the House.

On Monday the Commissioners of the Navy conferred for Train
Of, Tallow, and Rosin, for the Use of the Yard at Deptford.
On the 10th Instant they will con fer for Brimstone and Tur-
pentine, for the same Use: On the 11th for Naval Stores from
Newsway: On the 24th, for East Country Tar: On the 19th for
Dunn, a Plank and Deals: And on the 11th for Hemp.

The Transfer Books of the India Company were put up on Wednesday last, and will be opened again on Thursday the 6th of April next; And Tuesday the 4th of April next, is appointed for the Election of twenty four Directors for the Year ensuing.

The Bank have begun to discount Foreign and Inland Bills of Exchange for a Month.

The East India Company will begin their Sale on Tuesday the 18th Instant.

We are informed they are now very fully employ'd at the South Sea House, in drawing out, by order of the Directors of the A. Compts of such of the Company as were petitioners of 1700-1. Stock at Christmas 1719; wherein are to be particularly specified, the Dates from that Time to Christmas, 1720, of such of their Transfers, as is: them the smallest Balances they had in at that Time in the Books of the Company, or when they had entirely out. They are likewise preparing schedules of the Balances of all the Company's Accounts of Stock at Christmas, 1719; Midsummer, 1720; and Christmas, 1720.

It is confirmed that the Hope, Capt. Oding, bound from Newfoundland to Boston, has been stranded near Bayonne.

We hear that the Union, Capt. Morton, has been very much flustered in her Passage from Oporto; but is at last safely got into Falmouth.

The India Company daily expect the Arrival of four of their Ships, viz. The Princess Ann, Capt. Lewhorn; the Hanover, Capt. Bond; the Edix, Capt. Pennell; and the Craggs, Capt. Wynn.

It is reported that a Bill will be brought in, to prohibit the Importation of Cambricks and Lawns, in order to encourage that of Muttons, &c. for an Equivalent to the East India Company for the Loss of Callicoes.

His Grace the late Duke of Buckingham left the following Epitaph, wrote by himself, to be placed upon his Tomb in Westminster Abbey.

Pro Rege sapi, pro Republica semper,
Ducens, non improbus, Felix;
Incens, non perturbatus, morior:
Civis sum adveniens, in Deo solo confido,
Æterna & Omnipotente,
Eti cunctum, inferre mei!

We hear that a Gentleman of a very noble Race, who was committed to Stafford Goal for having the Pretender's Declaration found upon him (upon the Information of a School Master of the Town) made his Escape out of Prison, and coming to London for Shelter, died here last Week of the Small-pox.

1. 3. With 4 violations were condemned at the Adversary Commission for the Highway, and House-breaking.

Our African cargo ship, painted the Ship Sophia, which has been at sea 100 days, since she set sail from Leghorn, and so Adam of her yet arrived.

On Wednesday the 5th Instant, the Assizes ended at Reading, for the County of Berks, when 3 Men were condemn'd by a Jury for Burglary, and a Woman for Shoplifting.

All the Benefits in the Lottery 1710, that are unsubscribed, and due the 1st of March, 1720, are now in Court of Equity.

From the 5th to the 14th Instant, 9589 Ounces of Foreign Gold, have been entered at the Custom-house, for Exportation to France, Holland and Hamburg.

Last Monday died the Right Honourable the Lord Alington, the 8th Baron in England, and is succeeded by his Son Edward, a Minor.

Two Merchant Ships are ready to sail from hence for
West. for Angola in Africa, having on board, among other
Goods, a very considerable Quantity of Callicoes.

On Monday last was found in Stepney Fields the Body of a Woman, well dressed, with six Shillings in her Pocket, and a Gold Ring on her Finger and, by a Mark on her Neck, it's supposed she was strangled. It's not yet known who she is.

On Saturday last John A. Loß, Esq, a Gentleman of an Estate of 1200 per Ann. in W. Virg. was seized at his House in Poland Street, with a violent Fit of Apoplexy, and died immediately.

On Monday 3 Women were committed to Newgate, for pick-
ing a Gentleman's Pocket of 13 Guineas.

Left Saturday Hayward and his Wife, at the King's Head Tavern in Ruffel Street, near Drury Lane, stood in the Pillory near their own House, pursuant to the Sentence they received last Term, for keeping a disorderly and lewd House.

The Time Day Freshwater, Birnes, and another Highwayman, were tried at the Assizes at Winchester, upon several Indictments for robbing on the Highway, viz. one for robbing a Gentleman of 104 Guineas; another for robbing another Gentleman of seven Guineas, his Watch and silver Spurs; and another of three Guineas; and convicted of all three Indictments, and received Sentence of Death, and the next Saturday are to be executed. To of them were formerly Butchers in Newgate Market, and have robbed on the Road these 11 Years, without once falling into the Hands of Justice; a Fate uncommon to such *lucky Rogues*.

When the last Letters came away from Constantinople, the Grand Signior lay sick, and all hopes of Recovery.

To the Author of the London-Journal.

S I R.

YOU are desired to take Care that the Town may have a sufficient Supply of your Paper, to prevent your Readers being obliged for the future, to purchase them at an extravagant Rate; several of us having been forced to pay Six-pence, and Twelve-pence apiece for your Last; a Price hardly ever given for a Journal before. I am, SIR,

St. James's, March 12.

Yours Well-wisher.

1781.

Yesterday Morning died James Craggs, Esq; His Majesty's Post-master General.

Falmouth, March 11. On the 9th arrived his Majesty's Ship Squirrel from New-Zealand; the Endeavour of and for Southampton, from Oporto; the Figura Merchant of and for London, from Figuera. Yesterday put in the Swan Galliey of and for London from the Streights. Arrived the Greyhound of and for London from Lisbon; the Mary Galliey of and for London, from the Canaries; and several Irish Vessels for Rotterdam; and the Juliana and Harmore of this Place for the Streights.

Harwich, March 11. Remain here sixty sail of light Trading Vessels from London, bound Northward.

Bristol, March 17. This Evening arrived here the Betty Snow, Capt. Steer, in 8 Weeks from Barbadoes. Just now arrived the Coulston, Capt. Vaughan from Jamaica.

Harwich, March 14. Sunday Morning the 60 Sail of Trading Vessels that put in here, sailed away from hence to their several Ports.

Durham, March 10. Came in the John, for London; the Scipio, from Antego, for London; Postillion, and Peace, both of and for Antego, from Faro; the Blessing, of Pool, from Cork, for Guiney; and the Speedwell, of Liverpool, from Virginia.

Plymouth, March 10. On the 8th sailed his Majesty's Ship the Enterprize, Mary and Carolina Gallies for Carolina, and several Ships to the Eastward.

Dead, March 14. — Remain his Majesty's Ships Panther and Guernsey, as also Outward-bound the Succor, Capt. John, for Matara, and 5 small Barks, two of which are French. Arrived the Dauro from Lisbon, Lisbon Packet from Sevil, Olimpia from Agreco, and the Trippic Alliance from Cadiz. Came down the 14th and felled through the Cocoa-Tree, Cape Arrow. Wind S. S. W.

Deal, March 15. Remain here his Majesty's Ships the Panther and Guernsey. The Outward-bound Ships now here are the Patient Judith, Capt. Osborn; the Mary, Capt. Leatherhead, and the Sterling, Capt. Adams, for New England. The John and Mary, Capt. Burns, for Ireland; the Cocoa, Capt. Harlow, for Virginia; the Everton, Capt. Beckel, for St. Ubes. The Catherine, Capt. Dunn, for Bristol; the Henry, Capt. Lind, for Oporto; the Slaney, Capt. Minshall, for Cadiz; the Maxwell, Capt. Gabriel, for Barbadoes; the Success, Capt. Johns, for Madera, and the Prince Frederick, for Jamaica. Homeward-bound are the John and Elisabeth, Capt. Smith from Alicant; the John and William, Capt. Jones, and the Generous Jenny, Capt. Lambeth, both from Virginia; the Delicate, Capt. Brooks, from Malaga; the William and James, Capt. Leach, from Ireland; and the Mary Galley, Capt. Fitzgerald from the Canaries.

Dover, March 15. On Saturday last embarked for France, his Excellency Mark Antonio de Azavedo Coutinho, Envoy from the King of Portugal.

The Smugglers of Brandy drive on their Trade with as much vigour as they have done for several Years; and notwithstanding the Penalties laid on the Buyers and Sellers of that Commodity, by the late Acts of Parliament, the very best French Brandy is sold here for 3s. and 6d. per Gallon; and in the neighbouring Towns here, on the Coast, Quantities may be bought for 12 or 13 shillings per half Anchors, containing near five Gallons each, which is carried to London by Horsemen, who go in Companies.

Some time ago, three French Smugglers were brought into Alborough; they had a Pafs for Norway; one of them fought with a Custom-house Boat, and in the Fray the French Master was killed by a Musket Ball.

An excellent Project for Relieving, Reforming, and Employing all the Poor of Great Britain, is now under Consideration, and will, in a short Time, be laid before the Parliament.

On Thursday a Ballot being taken at the South-Sea House, it was carried by a great Majority for the Leaving out the following Words in the Resolution of the General Court on Thursday the 9th Instant, viz. *To such Proprietors therein as shall desire the same.*

The Warrants for the Dividend of 5 per Cent. on the Stock of the South Sea Company, declared at their last General Court, are all prepared for the 30th Instant.

Christen'd Males 177. Females 205. In all 382.

Buried Males 351. Females 354. In all 705.

Increased in the Burials this Week 9.

Yesterday the Prices of Goods at Bear Key were as follow:
Wheat 23s. to 30s. per Quarter. Rye 17s. to 20s. Barley 18s. to 24s. Malt 28s. to 28s. Oats 11s. to 15s. Beans 18s. to 23s. Hog Pease 18s. to 32s. Boiling Pease 34s. Rape-seed 12s. 10s. to 17s. per Last. Hops 24s. to 31s. Cloths 24s. to 27s. per Children. Colchester Cr. Bays 15d. 3 Farth. per Ell. Ditto, 6 Seals 14d. 2s. and 17s. per Piece.

Thursday South Sea Stock was 170, for the Opening. Subscriptions 20 Price. Bank 140 for the Opening. India 143 for the Opening. African 35. Royal-Exchange Assurance 7 1 qr. London Assurance 7 1 qr. York Buildings 20. Long South-Sea Bonds 7 1 5s. Ditto Christmas 5 1. Ditto India Bonds 1 1. 10s. Ditto.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

There is just now publish'd at Oxford and Cambridge.

§§ The Bishop of Chester's Case, with Relation to the Wardenship of Manchester; in which is shewn, that no other Degrees, but such as are taken in the Universities, can be deem'd legal Qualifications for any Ecclesiastical Preferment in England. Sold by William and John Lanya, in London, and at the Printing Houses in Oxford and Cambridge.

This Day is Publish'd.

§§ Love drown'd in the South-Sea: Or, Cyrena's Epistle to the Perfidious Crataider, on his Marriage to Calia. By F. H. Gent.

*Oh Love! what poor Omnipotence hast Thou,
When Gold and Titles buy Thee?*

Dryden's Spanish Fryar.

Sold by J. Roberts in Warwick-Lane. Price Six-pence.

§§ Any Merchants, or Others, who are willing to be concerned in a Brew-House, proposed to be filled with a ready Money Trade; without any Credit to be given, in consideration of a very large Discount: and many other unusual and very considerable Advantages intended to be allowed to all Merchants and Captains of Ships, for encouraging them to Export their Beer from thence; with Prompt Payment for the same. Which said Brew-House is proposed to be managed without the Need of Cook or Drey; and with very few Horses or Servants; and to a large Return Weekly; without any Hazard to the Undertakers; and he carried on with a very moderate Stock, which shall be always in the Undertakers Hand, and be productive of more considerable Profit, than is to be met with elsewhere.

The Scheme whereof will demonstrate this Design to be no Project, but to be as easy, plain and laudable Undertaking; as having been a Master Brewer many Years, is willing to become a Partner therein, and to undertake the Management thereof. He is to be treated with at his House next the Red-Lyon, over-against the Bell-Tavern in Nicholas-Lane, near Lombard-Street, at a Days Notice.

November 28. 1710.

§§ Lost out of Daniel Quare's Shop, in Exchange Alley, a Gold repeating Watch, of a middling size, Name Daniel Quare, London, N^o. 838. being engraved on the upper Plate; and Quare London on the Dial-plate. The outside Case has four Heads chased upon it, and pierced, and engraved betwixt the Heads. A Molding chased, and a turned Oval Molding on the Bottom, with Ornaments chased betwixt the Moldings, and the Ground freezed, with a Gold Chain and Hook when lost. Whoever brings the said Watch and Chain to Daniel Quare, Watchmaker, in Exchange Alley, shall receive Thirty Five Guineas Reward for the whole, or proportionable for any Part thereof, and no Questions asked; or if bought or pawn'd, your Money again, with reasonable Profit.

This Day is publish'd.

†† A Poem on the Death of the late Earl of Stanhope, humbly inscrib'd to the Countess of Stanhope. By Mr. Pitt, of New College, Oxon.

Nature can't bring in ev'ry Period forth,

A finished Hero, of exalted worth;

Whose Godlike Genius, ev'ring and sublime,

Must long lie rising in the Womb of Time,

Before a Stanhope enters on the Stage.

The Birth of Years, and Labour of an Age.

Printed for J. Bateman, at the Hat and Star; and J. Nicks, at the Dolphin and Crown, both in St. Paul's Church-yard. Price 4d. where may be had the Plague of Marcellus, a Poem. Price 6d. The Country Life, a Poem. Price 4d. Medecina Flagellaria, or the Doctor scari'd. Price 3s. The Antiquities of the University of Cambridge. Price 3s. 6d.

This Day is Publish'd, The Second Edition of

§§ Francis Lord Bacon: Or, The Case of Privilege and National Corruption and Bribery, impartially considered. Address'd to all South-Sea Directors, Members of Parliament, Ministers of State, and Church Dignitaries. By an Englishman. Printed for J. Roberts, near the Oxford Arms to Warwick-Lane. Price One Shilling.

Rainbow Coffee House, Ludgate Hill.

†† This is to give Notice that Mrs. Hopson's sixth Sale of Plate and other Goods will be drawn the 31st of this Instant March. In the mean Time the few remaining Tickets now left, will be disposed of at one Shilling each, at the Place above-mentioned, and at Mr. Johnson's, Goldsmith, removed from the Cup and Ring in Woodstreet, to the Cup and Ring over against Cripplegate Conduit; at Mr. Franklin's, at the Angel in Aldersgate Street; at Hamlin's Coffee-House, in Swithins Alley; at Mrs. Page's, at the Child's Coat in the Hay-Market, at Mr. Doves's, at the Rose and Crown, King-street, Bloomsbury; at Mr. Beaumont's, the Golden Lyon Inn, St. John Street, Smithfield; at Mr. Carleton's, over against the Golden Lyon Tavern, Fetter Lane; at Mr. Hudson's, the Yorkshiro-Gray, near Durham Yard in the Strand; and at Mr. Webb's, Junior, in Tunbridge, in Kent, and at Mr. Lewit Jones's Coffee House in Exeter. At which Places Proposals are given gratis. And the Plate to be seen at the Coffee-house on Ludgate-Hill. N. B. This is the most advantageous Sale of any extant, there being not Four to One.

§§ Whereas Mr. Normand Cany did advertise the Publick, in the Daily Courant, of the 8th of October last, That he was taking down his fine Bed at Somerset-House; and that as soon as he could find a convenient Place for setting up the same, he would give Notice thereof to the Publick, that all Persons may have the Pleasure of seeing the most curious, as well as the most elegant Piece of Furniture that ever was. This Bed is wrought with the most beautiful Feathers of divers Colours, woven into a Stuff; so that the Curtains are as light, and as manageable, as if they were of Damask. There are Six Curtains, which, together, take in the Compass of Thirty Four Feet; and the Bed may be raised from Sixteen to Eighteen Feet in Height. The several Parts of it are diversify'd by different Designs; the Ground of which resembles a white Damask, interspersed with Silver; and each Design is compos'd of Ornaments, that support Vases of Flowers and Fruits: Each Curtain has a Purple Border of a Foot-Broad, branched with Flowers clouded with Scarlet: The Valences and Bases are likewise bordered with Purple, and flowered in the same Manner, and enriched with a Fringe of rusted Feathers: The Cornices answer to the Curtain Borders: The Corners of the Bedstead, and the Four Vases, which rise on the Tester, are adorned with Festoons and Flowers in Relief. In short, This is such a curious Piece of Workmanship, as cannot be parallel'd by any Hand whatsoever. This, with several other curious and beautiful Pieces of the same Kind as the Bed, are to be seen at Exeter-Change in the Strand, in that Part, which Mr. Browne the Bookseller, lately had: There are likewise several fine Pictures by the best Hands, (viz.) Raphael, Rubens, Paul Veronese, Titian, Salvator, Rosio, &c. and other Curiosities; all to be Sold. Which may be seen at any Hour of the Day, each Person paying Two Shillings and Six-pence.

§§ Whereas it is propos'd to Print, by Subscription, the Travels of A. de la Morraye thro' Europe, Asia, and Africa; containing a more accurate and perfect Description of those Parts of the World, than has ever yet been published.

Mr. B. That the Author left, on the 15th of January, between Harrodsley and the Park, 9 Dronghts, consisting of Representations of Turkish Habits, Turkeys, of a Bagnio, and of a Leprosy, and two Plans are yet wanted. The Person who has bought them is desired to send them to any of the Places appointed for subscriptions, and the Blower will receive Half a Guinea for his trouble.

144 Martin's Description of the Western
Islands of Scotland: With a particular Account of the second
light, or Faculty of furnishing Things to come, in several Re-
turns. Price 4 s.

3. *The Method of the Proceedings in the House of Lords and Commons, in Cases of Impeachments for High Treason*. Price 7s 6d.

4. *North, Taira, and Shōrin.* Written by Margaret d'Ydout, Queen of Navarre.

The Chymical Liqueur for the Hair.

A More perfect, speedy, cheap, and private Cure for all Disorders of the Secret Disease, than ever was made known before to Mankind. This Arcanum is an Internal Balsam of Life, and seems to be a Gift sent from God to relieve the Distressed of both Sexes: It is so great a Treasure in Medicine as exceeds all Estimation; for it gusheth through the whole Body like Fire, and consumes all Symptoms of the French Disease, as Fire burns Wood, or as the Sun dries up Waters; expelling all Malignity, and morbid Humours out of the Body, no Pox nor Cusp can stand before it, how inveterate soever it begins, continues, and perfects the Cure thoroughly and substantially, rooting out the very Seed of that cursed Disease: It is a most stupendious ingenious Medicine, working by Ways almost unaccountable to human Understanding; for it cures all Ages of both Sexes and all Constitutions without offending the Stomach, or making the Person sick, or hindring of Business, or Confinement to any particular Diet, in a very short Time, and at a small Charge, and with more Privacy than can be expected. It cures all Rheumatisms and Rheumatick Pains, the Scourvy and all its attending Symptoms: And it being a perfect Enemy to Mercury, destroys whatever lies in the Body after ill Cures, which often is worse than the Disease it self.

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*** Fine Leather and Dimity Trusses for the**
Cure of Ruptures, only to a new born Babe, and effectual in
keeping up the Ruptures in Old or Young, and by far exceed-
ing all sorts of Steel Trusses. Those in the Country sending their
Bills send their Waf., and which Side the Rupture is may
be well served. The likewise make Strait Stocking and Navel
Trusses that are entirely of a new Invention, and the Experience
of them has proved a wonderful Happiness to many Persons,
even beyond Expectation. M. B. Thos that come may depend
on a Cure, if curable, he being never known to fail, his Wife
being as able and dangerous in curing them of her own. See,
N. B. Those that are disposed to have Steel Trusses, may have
of all Sorts. M. B. The said John Pinder married the Daugh-
ter of the famous Mr. William Jones, who provided the Empe-
rator, and kept the said House for above 30 Years; and for pro-
viding Millaker, the House goes up with 9 Flour Streets.

553 That the only True and Original Royal
Chymical Wash Balls, for the Hands and Face, are removed from
Chas. Lambert's, the Glover's, to prevent the Publick's being im-
posed on by Counterfeits, and are now sold only at Mr. Al-
croft's, Toy-Shop, at the Blue-coat Boy against the Royal Ex-
change, in Corahill, and at Mrs. Giles's, Milliner, next Her-
cule's Pillars Alley, by the Temple, in Fleet-Street. They have
above these twenty Years been largely experienced and highly
commended by all that use them, for making the Skin so
delicately soft and smooth, as not to be parallel'd by either Wash-
Powder, Cosmetics, &c. they being indeed real Beautifiers of
the Skin, by taking off all Imperfections, as Tumors, Ring-Worms,
Murrhew, Sun-burn, Scall, Pimples, Pitts, or Relicks of the
Small-pox, and keeping it of a lasting and extreme Whiteness.
They loosen after red & rough Hands, are admirable in flaring
the Heel, they not only give a more exquisite Sharpness to
the Razor, but fix comfort the Brain and Nerve, as to prevent
catching Cold. They are of a grateful and pleasant Scent, with-
out the least Grain of Mercury, sold only by Mr. Alcroft
and Mrs. Giles, as above. Price 1 s. each, and no where else in
London by Retail; therefore beware of Counterfeits, which are
not only ineffectual, but may also prove dangerous.

769 Whereas I Rebecca, Wife of Lancaster Gibson, Taylor, dwelling in Hutton-Garden, near Hutton-Wall, have a Daughter of 11 Years of Age, who had been a long Time grievously afflicted with FITS, for which she found no Relief from various Applications, till at last taking the WORM-POWDER of Mr. JOHN MOORE, Apothecary, at the Pellic and Mortar in Abchurch Lane, near Lombard Street, London she was perfectly cured of her storcful FITS, and has continued well for a Year and half, which, for the Satisfaction and Good of others, I do, and am ready to attest to any Person.

March 1. 1730.

GIBSON'S MOST EXCELLENT CORDIAL HORSE BALLS.
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